24" "Home Missionary's" Views on Agri-culture and Kindred Topics.

From an Address at the Berlin (Wis.) Fair.) We should study how to prevent the calar, ities that befall crops, and experi-ment on preventives. For instance, now, about the rusting of wheat. Is there not something that can prevent that staple product from rusting? If I was a farmer and had a large field of wheat, and there should seem to be indications of rust, I would take a piece of flannel cloth, saturate it with sweet oil, and go over it myself, and wipe off the rust. Such a process will work wonders on a shot-gun. Why will it not do on a field of wheat? This may seem impracticable to some, and may be scoffed at, but we must remember that every new idea that has been advanced by scientific men has been laughed to scorn, until it proved suc-

Again, it is admitted that the rusting of wheat is caused by rain and sunshine, spread on a little too thick. Nature furnishes rain and sunshine, but she does not, at all times, place them where they will do the most good. She seems to depend upon man to utilize what she furnishes. Now, why not erect awnings over a field of wheat, made so as to be rolled up when you desire the sun, or rolled down when you have got enough. You arrange to control the elements of nature on your cranberry marshes, why not buy striped tent cloth, and control the sun and rain on your wheat fields? These tents would add to the appearance of a farm, and make a good place for tramps to sleep. Before leaving the subject of wheat, permit me to allude to the oft-repeated cry of chinch bugs. It does seem to me that those bugs can be summarily disposed of at very little expense. Most farmers have self-raking reapers. It would be but little trouble to attach fine-tooth combs to the arm that holds the rake, and go over the field and comb the bugs out of the heads of the grain, as is done on a smaller scale at an early period in the existence of nearly every man. If this method is considered too wearing upon the thumb nails, a solution can be procured at a drug store that will destroy chinch bugs, or kill every head of wheat.

These suggestions are crude, but they are thrown out in the hope that the inventive genius of the land will find an idea that can be improved upon. The elements, rain, and sun, and wind, and cold are at times against us, and there is no rule that can be adopted that will succeed always, and we get tangled when we think how nature sometimes slops over. For instance, up in La Crosse valley this spring a farmer got drunk, and remained drunk three weeks, while all his neighbors were sowing their wheat, and he never turned a furrow. They all pitied him and his family, as they looked at their fields of wheat all dragged in nicely. He sobered up about the time that wheat was sprouting, and went to work and plowed and sowed. The result was that the wheat sown early was destroyed by rain, rust, and nine kinds of bugs, and they never cut it at all, while the drunken man had twenty-five bushels to the acre. I do not mention this as an argument in favor of farmers getting drunk for two weeks in the spring, but to illustrate everything is in this wicked world.

There are so many improvements that can be inaugurated on a farm that it is hard to tell where to commence. If the awning project is good for sun and rain, why is not a gigantic street sprinkler a good thing for drought, where a farmer is not provided with water works and hose? With a sprinkler the field could be kept wet, and the time occupied would keep the farmer from going to town with a two-horse team to buy a

spool of thread.

The artificial propagation of fish has attracted much attention late years, and the success of experiments has shown that every farmer that has a stream of water on his land can raise fish enough to get rich in five years, four months and twenty-one days. The hatching of fish eggs has become an important factor in the food production of the country, and many farmers, whose "setting around" has heretofore produced nothing but patches on the elbows of the pants, have found that the noble industry of "setting" is productive of much wealth. There is no labor in hatching fish. All you have to do is to procure eggs, place them in the water, and let nature take its course. A farmer who has a good fish pond is an object of interest, and he will find that visits from city friends with fish poles will be too numerous to mention. To raise fish successfully a man needs a well-intentioned bull-dog and a shotgun that goes off accidentally when it is not loaded. The artificial propaga-tion of amphibious animals will follow the success of raising fish, and the time is not far distant when every farmer whose farm is located on the Fox river will have a school of hippopotamus. These animals are easy to raise, and can be artificially propagated, and the selling price is quoted at \$25,000. From the sale of two or three good hippopotamus a year the farmer would become more independent than if he owned a brewery.

Many farmers are discovering that there is plenty of money in the dairy business, and butter is getting to be an every-day occurrence, and cheese fills a want long felt. However, many men go into the cheese business that do not understand it, and the consequences are that the market is full of cheese that does not average well. Some pick their cheese before it is ripe, while others let it remain on the vines until it will drive a tramp out of a smoking car. If there is any doubt as to a cheese being ripe it should be plugged. If the core is red, and it looks like a nice, cool summer resort in there, it is safe to pick it. A Bohemian on the train last night had some cheese in his vest-pocket that was too ripe, and the conductor had to dis-infect the car and order the Bohemian to be quarantined before the train was allowed to enter the city. Cheese is all right in its place, but it don't want to be allowed to lay above ground too long after it has departed this life. If farmers will pay a little attention to cheese Niagara falls can be sent to New York

So there is in a smoking car. There is an industry, my friends, that seems to be entirely monopolized by one or two counties in the southern part of made, according to the investment, than any other species of agriculture. I allude to the raising of wolves, in order more than eight pounds of wool in a season, and, even if you get 50 cents per pound for it, you have not got any great bonanza. Now, the State encourages pulsations. the raising of wolves by offering a bounty of \$10 for a piece of skin off the head of each wolf. It does not cost any more to raise a wolf than it does to raise a sheep, and, while sheep rarely pair of good wolves are liable to raise In addition to the encouragement ofas much more, so that one wolf scalp will bring more money than five sheep. You will readily see that our wise legislators are offering inducements to You can establish a wolf orchard on any farm, and, with a pair of good wolves to start on, there is millions in The cultivation of the wolf is bound to become a leading industry in other counties, as it has already become in Grant and Crawford counties. The scalp of a wolf is legal tender anywhere. They will live on any soil, and, since the new process has been discovered which causes hair to grow on a bald-headed wolf, it is not impossible to grow two or three scalps a year on each wolf. If you can grow three scalps a year on each wolf, and get from the State and county twenty dollars for each scalp, a small flock of wolves is better than a large flock of sheep. It will pay to raise sheep simply as food for wolves. This subject of wolf culture is receiving great attention, and, as the editor of an agricultural paper, I am constantly in receipt of letters asking where a good article of wolves can be obtained for seed. I have the address of an eminent wolf culturist that I will furnish to any farmer who desires to go into wolf culture. I would, however, warn you against disreputable parties who are raising a breed of dogs that so nearly resemble the wolves that in many instances the State authorities have been

The Late Artemus Ward.

often done at Oshkosh.

deceived into paying bounties on their

scalps. This is wrong and is almost equal to passing a 90-cent dollar on

farmers we cannot be too careful about

engaging in any deception. Such con-

duct is on a par with placing a stone in

a crock of butter, or hiding a boy,

weighing a hundred pounds, in a load

of hay, and selling him by the ton, as is

to an unsuspecting greenbacker.

In repartee Browne had scarcely an equal among the journalists of his time, and his pen was held in wholesome fear by members of the fraternity. He had always a ready answer for any that attacked him, and he always used his power of ridicule in reply to his assailants. One day he found a neat package on his desk, which, on opening, he discovered was a jack-knife. A reporter of a morning paper—a notoriously homely man-heard of it, and made a paragraph to the effect that Browne richly merited the knife. That evening Browne retorted by naming this person and saying:

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Not content with this chastisement, in the next issue, under the guise of a special dispatch from Charleston, where Ossawatomie Brown was on trial for treason, he said:

'The jury in the case of Ossawatomie Brown, charged with murder and treason, brought in a verdict of guilty at 10 o'clock this morning, and at 11 o'clock he was sentenced by Judge Barker. The Judge, after dwelling with great force on the enormity of the prisoner's crime, sentenced him to sleep one night with [naming the rival reporter], 'and,' said the Judge, in a trembling voice, may God have mercy on your soul! The prisoner fell with an agonizing shriek to the floor, and there was not a dry eye in the vast concourse of spectators. An effort will be made to get

his sentence commuted to hanging." A writer who could use his pen with such wit was a dangerous person to attack, and his antagonists soon learned to handle him with great circumspection. The laugh was almost invariably turned on themselves, and, no matter how carefully the weapon was aimed, it usually came back with the force and effect of a boomerang.—Scribner's Monthly for

So Sad.

"Beautiful, beautiful silken hair!" Philip murmured, fondly, toying lovingly with one of her nut-brown tresses; soft as the plumage on an eagle's wing; light as the thistledown that dances on the summer air; the shimmer of sunset, the glitter of yellow gold, the rich red-brown of autumnal forests blend in entrancing beauty in its-' And just then it came off in his hands, and he forgot just what to say next. There was a moment of profound silence, and then Aurelia took it from him and went out of the room with it. When she came back he was gone. They meet now, but they meet as strangers, and the eyes that were wont to beam upon each other with the awakening love-light now glare as though life was an eternal wash-day .-Oil City Derrick.

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be avoided. In union there is strength. The Electrical Theory of Earthquakes.

An exchange speaks of the theory that earthquakes are produced by electricity as new and novel, and makes it the text of a column of facetiousness. the State, in which more money can be Now, as a matter of fact, this theory has been held for a score of years by local scientists in California. The idea that the waves of a molten mass in the inteto sell the scalps to the State. You de-rior of the earth produced carthquakes vote a good deal of time and labor to by surging against the earth's crust did the raising of sheep, and what do you not satisfactorily account for the pheget for it. The best sheep cannot lay nomena exhibited by these disturbances. Men at work in deep wells and shafts experienced no shock, while their fellowworkmen on the surface felt repeated

Then it was found that earthquakes were preceded by perturbations of the atmosphere, which had a marked effect upon both man and dumb animals. It was supposed that electricity, from some raise more than two lambs a year, a cause or other, gathered in unusual quantities in certain localities, and that twenty young ones in the course of a the discharge, when the accumulation year, if it is a good year for wolves. forced an equilibrium, produced the shock. The movements of tidal waves, fered by the State, many counties give it was argued, strengthened the theory. For how could the commotion of the internal fires of the earth take up mountains of water and roll them miles and miles inland, without producing reyou that you should be thankful for. sults on the bottom of the ocean very different from those actually known.

Now of late years it is observed that earthquakes are much less frequent and much lighter than formerly in California, and it has been suggested in support of the electrical theory that the iron used on railroads has performed an important office in distributing the surface stores of electricity, and thus prevented the severe and frequent shocks of earlier days. Perhaps this theory should be laughed down without a hearing, and perhaps it has a germ of truth which may develop into a scientific explanation of some of the most frightful and terrible phenomena of nature.-Albany Journal

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